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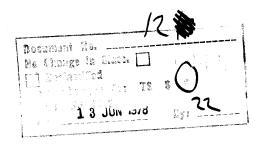
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It has been ascertained that the Equadoran Unistry of Foreign Relations does not have in its files any documents which indicate that the United States government has relinquished any of the rights granted it during world war II by Equador with respect to the Calapagos Islands.

- 2. This lack was discovered by Dr. Antonio Parra Velasco when he became linister of Foreign Relations in 1946. He queried Drs. Enrique Irizaga Foral and Cabriel Pino Yeaza, who had represented the Ecuadoran soverment in the matter of rights to the Galapagos Islands, as to whether such documents existed and, if so, where they were located. Meither Brizaga nor Pino Yeaza could answer Parra Velasco's questions. Parra Velasco, who is known to be bitterly inti-bnited States and a member of Lecion Revolucionaria Nacional Leuatoriana, insisted that all United States soldiers be recalled from the Islands, which was subsequently accomplished.
- According to source, Parra Velasco is reported to be very unset because of the lack of such documents, especially in view of present world tension. He fours that the United States could logally insist that the rights concoded by Ecuador with respect to the Islands are till in vigor.



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